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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 05-Mar-04

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)	ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
03-01	2,167	5.55	72-92	79.65	7,973
03-02	2,156	5.48	72-91	79.24	7,557
03-03	2,183	5.38	72-91	79.83	6,091
03-04	2,114	5.44	69-91	79.34	4,907
03-05	2,072	5.35	69-89	78.24	7,083
Weekly	10,692	5.44	Cumulative:	79.25	33,611

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, week of 08-Mar-04

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	75.77	75.71	55.26
Chicago	72.16	72.16	55.39
Detroit	73.46	72.50	56.45
Los Angeles	78.25	77.52	67.60
Composite Weighted Average	75.92	75.52	61.12

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 05-Mar-04

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	189.70	3,016,467
Tenderloins	192.45	667,870
Breast - With Ribs	104.72	600,600
Breast - Line Run	100.96	443,400
Legs	49.33	1,870,963
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	36.44	2,042,199
Drumsticks	40.85	658,500
Thighs	48.53	301,100
B/S Thighs	117.81	307,880
Wings (Whole)	122.39	696,320

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 28-Feb-04

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	209,927	208,416	206,547	205,527	706,529
Chicks Placed	168,074	166,852	163,548	170,504	166,769

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 21-FEB-04

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	152,700	152,287	148,405
Average Live Weight	5.17	5.05	5.12
To Date 2004 (000)	1,225,994	1,073,294	-----
To Date 2003 (000)	1,199,135	1,050,730	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on **January 31, 2004** were down 2% from last month, and down 20% from last year. Total stocks of chicken were down 13% from last month, and down 26% from year ago. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 16% from last month, but down 9% from January 31, 2003.

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